

Community Involvement Program



U.S. Congressman Vic Snyder of Arkansas addresses Vertac site meeting

- ❑ Region 6 Superfund public participation includes the community in a wide range of initiatives from site reuse and site assessments to removal actions, to remediation of large, complex sites that may encompass extensive stakeholders.
- ❑ Community participation also involves citizens and officials in numerous Superfund outreach events which highlights partnerships among EPA, States, local governments and industry.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- ❑ Community Advisory Groups (CAGs) are active for five sites in the Region:



Brio Refining, Texas
Texarkana Wood, Texas, Arkansas
Lavaca Bay, Texas
National Zinc, Oklahoma
Southern Shipbuilding, Louisiana
Cleveland Mill, New Mexico

- ❑ Currently, the Region has 14 active Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs) with 4 more under review.

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Superfund Job Training Initiative



Laborers AGC and EPA coordinate the various Superfund job training efforts

✓ Training included:

- ◆ 40 Hours HAZWOPR
- ◆ HAZMAT
- ◆ Lead and Asbestos abatement
- ◆ General Construction skills

✓ Laborers AGC provided training to residents living in the RSR Smelter area in West Dallas, Laborers AGC partnered with EPA and the city of Houston to provide residents around the MDI Superfund site with job training, including 40 Hour HAZWOPR Training.

- ◆ The RSR class had 8 graduates, of which 6 are still currently employed.
- ◆ The MDI Classes graduated April, 1999.

✓ Also, a Brownfields Showcase Community job training is currently taking place in the same West Dallas area focusing on minority residents. First classes are underway and will graduate late spring 1999.